Effective implementation of Act for SCs/ STs

1603. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on the Human Rights Day, Dalits demanded effective implementation of the Act and Rules pertaining to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

BPR and D's Assistance for Modernising Police Force

1604. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR and D) assists various Governments in improving the functioning of their police forces, in matters relating to modernisation of their equipment and training;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the recommendation of BPR and D, the Chennai Police has decided to modernise the telecommunication and wireless systems, by installing Digital Trunked Radio System; and

(c) if so, whether the proposed system (DTRS) has been procured and if not, the reasons for inordinate delay and by when the DTRS will be procured for better policing?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Communal Riots in Tamil Nadu

1605. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots that took place in Tamil Nadu from July, 1996 to July, 1998;

(b) the number of persons killed/injured and missing and loss of property in each of these riots in the State; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (b) A statement based on the information received from the State Government is enclosed (*See* below)

(c) Though 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and maintenance of law and order and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Government, the Central Government has been taking several measures to keep the comunal situation under control. Some of these measures are mentioned below:—

(i) Sharing of intelligence with the State Government.

(ii) Assisting the State Governments by providing the Central Para-Military Forces etc. The Central Government has also constituted a Special Force, viz., Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal riots and tensions.

(iii) Assisting the State Governments in upgradation of their policing infrastructure.

(iv) Seeding advisories to the State Governments from time to time.

The Government is firmly of the view that acts of violence against any community, wherever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.